



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

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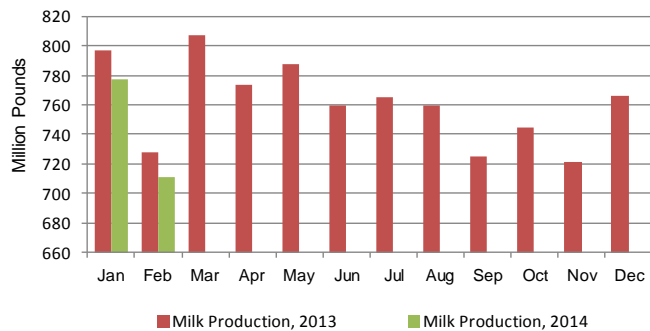
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Milk production in Minnesota during February 2014 totaled 711 million pounds, down 2 percent from February 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 460,000 head, was 5,000 fewer than last year, but the same as last month. Production per cow averaged 1,545 pounds, 20 pounds lower than in February 2013.

Milk Production, Minnesota, 2013-2014



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	190	192	1,940	1,965	369	377	2.2
California	1,780	1,781	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,402	5.3
Colorado	135	140	1,865	1,910	252	267	6.0
Florida	122	123	1,670	1,710	204	210	2.9
Idaho	577	566	1,740	1,820	1,004	1,030	2.6
Illinois	97	96	1,590	1,550	154	149	-3.2
Indiana	174	178	1,710	1,705	298	303	1.7
Iowa	208	205	1,750	1,725	364	354	-2.7
Kansas	132	137	1,705	1,700	225	233	3.6
Michigan	378	381	1,880	1,880	711	716	0.7
Minnesota.....	465	460	1,565	1,545	728	711	-2.3
New Mexico	322	323	1,985	1,950	639	630	-1.4
New York	610	615	1,695	1,685	1,034	1,036	0.2
Ohio	271	266	1,590	1,560	431	415	-3.7
Oregon	123	124	1,555	1,590	191	197	3.1
Pennsylvania	534	531	1,560	1,565	833	831	-0.2
South Dakota.....	92	95	1,665	1,640	153	156	1.5
Texas	435	440	1,740	1,775	757	781	3.2
Utah	91	95	1,660	1,650	151	157	4.0
Vermont	134	132	1,505	1,545	202	204	1.0
Virginia	94	93	1,460	1,500	137	140	2.2
Washington	264	268	1,825	1,855	482	497	3.1
Wisconsin	1,270	1,270	1,705	1,670	2,165	2,121	-2.0
23-State Total.....	8,498	8,511	1,732	1,753	14,715	14,917	1.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from February 2013. January revised production, at 16.2 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from January 2013. The January revision represented an increase of 104 million pounds or 0.6 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

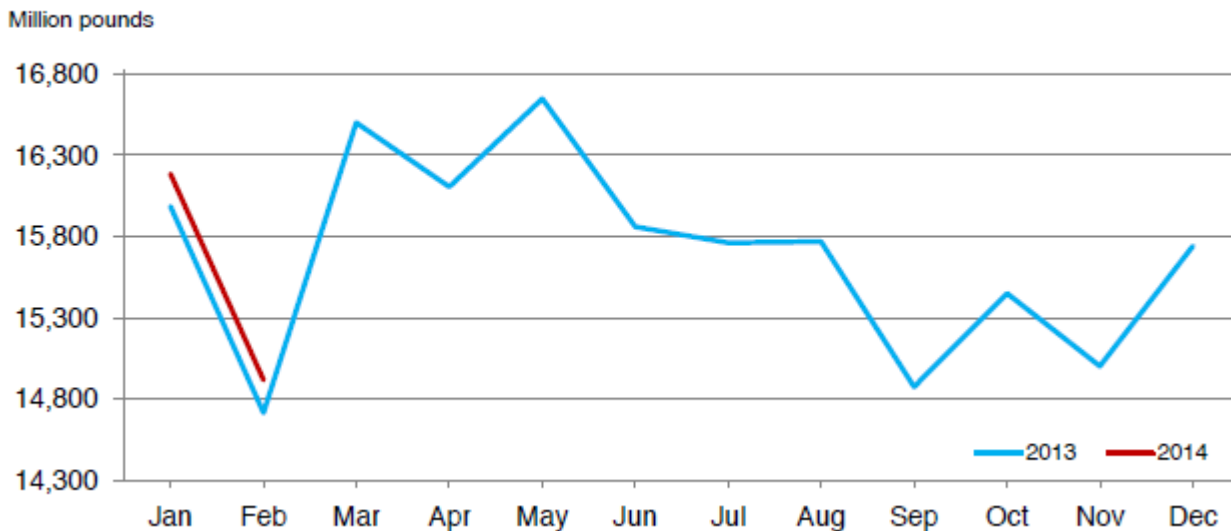
Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,753 pounds for February, 21 pounds above February 2013.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 13,000 head more than February 2013, but 1,000 head less than January 2014.

Special Note

NASS added South Dakota to the monthly estimating program and removed Missouri beginning with this report. Historic estimates have been created for South Dakota for 2013 and January 2014 for comparison purposes. The inclusion of South Dakota and exclusion of Missouri accounted for 65 of the 104 million pound revision to the 23-State milk production total for January 2014. The remaining 39 million pounds, or 0.2 percent, were a result of the normal revision process.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.